

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
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IM 5220

TO: County Social Service Directors
Economic Assistance Policy Regional Representatives
Economic Assistance Policy Quality Control Reviewers

FROM: Julie Schwab, Director, Medical Services

SUBJECT: ACA Healthy Steps - Maintenance of Effort Income Levels

PROGRAMS: ACA Medicaid

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RETENTION: Until superseded

SECTIONS

AFFECTED: 510-07-20-15, Assigning Category of Eligibility (COE)
510-07-40-40, Income Levels

Effective immediately, the Income Levels have increased when determining eligibility for the ACA Healthy Steps - Maintenance of Effort for children ages 0 to 19.

- The income level for children ages 0 to age 6 (through the month the child attains age 6) will be 147% of the Poverty Level.
- The income level for children ages 6 to age 19 (through the month the child attains age 19) will be 133% of Poverty Level.

Note: As we allow the income disregards and deductions when testing these individuals, the 5% ACA income disregard is not added to their Poverty Level.

Cases processed prior to receipt of this IM will be reviewed by State Medicaid Policy.

The Healthy Steps MOE Determination Spreadsheet, the ACA and Non-ACA Medicaid Income Eligibility Level Chart and the ACA Processing Guidebook have been updated and placed on the County Intranet.

If you have questions, please contact your Regional Representative.

